vetoed Senate Bill 126 – Health Occupations – Regulatory Boards – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation.

This bill extends the sunset date for several occupational boards and an advisory committee within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

House Bill 149, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 126.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

Senate Bill No. 126

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupations - Regulatory Boards - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists, the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists, the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice, and the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the boards and the advisory committee; requiring that an evaluation of the boards and the advisory committee and the statutes and regulations that relate to them be performed on or before a certain date; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to health occupations regulatory boards.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Health Occupations

Section 2-502, 10-502, 15-502, and 17-502

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 8-403(a)

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 8-403(b)(7), (16), (45), and (49)

Annotated Code of Maryland